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FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6700

C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 2404

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRN PINS LE

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: SECURITY AT BEIRUT AIRPORT

REF: STATE 38026

1. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON SECURITY SITUATION AT BEIRUT AIRPORT CONTAINED PARA 3 REFTEL, EMBASSY DRAWS DEPT'S ATTENTION TO OUR A-305 OF DEC. 15, 1972, WHICH SURVEYED SUBJECT INCONSIDERABLE DETAIL. ALTHOUGH 14 MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THAT REPORT-- DURING WHICH AIRPORT SECURITY OFFICIALS HAVE ACQUIRED NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL ELECTRONIC SCREENING DEVICES AND THEREBY IMPROVED THEIR CAPACITY FOR PASSENGER AND BAGGAGE CONTROL--BASIC INADEQUACIES AND SHORTCOMINGS MENTIONED THEREIN REMAIN LARGELY UNRESOLVED. AMONG MOST GLARING WEAKNESSES, WE WOULD NOT (A) CONTINUED MULLED AUTHORITY AND ILL-DEFINED LINES OF AUTHORITY ON PART OF GOL BODIES CONCERNED WITH PROVIDING AVIATION SECURITY; (B) ANTIQUATED AND OFTEN LACKADAISICAL ATTITUDES TOWARD AVIATION SECURITY STILL PREVALENT AMONG THOSE BODIES AND LEABENSE OFFICIALDOM IN GENERAL; (C) LACK OF CONSISTENT THOROUGHNESS IN APPLYING SECURITY PRECAUTIONS;

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AND (D) CHRONIC LACK OF ADEQUATELY TRAINED AIRPORT

SECURITY STAFF.

2. WE ENTIRELY AGREE THAT PRECAUTIONS LISTED IN POINTS  
B, D AND--IN PARTICULAR--E OF STATE 20494 ARE EITHER IN-  
ADEQUATE OR NON-EXISTENT AT BEIRUT AIRPORT, BUT WE CONSIDER  
THAT CERTAIN OTHER MEASURES, NOTABLY THOSE LISTED UNDER  
C, F AND G, OUGHT TO BE BETTER ENFORCED AS WELL. OUR  
PERIODIC EFFORTS OVER FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1973 TO DRAW  
GOL'S ATTENTION TO THESE AND OTHER, MORE FUNDAMENTAL  
WEAKNESSES NOTED ABOVE WERE MARGINALLY SUCCESSFUL, BUT  
WE INTEND TO MAKE FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS TO APPROPRIATE  
GOL OFFICIALS IN WEEKS AHEAD. GODLEY

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